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Cancer Study

Fellow Faculty and Staff:

It is rare that I communicate with Faculty and Staff about non-WKU matters, but I am compelled to do so now at the request of The American Cancer Society.

“Cancer” is a word heard too often among family and friends. The American Cancer Society has waged a war against cancer for the last century. Graves Gilbert Clinic has been involved in the fight to keep our community healthy for the past 75 years. Now, Western Kentucky University can join in that fight by participating in the **Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3)**. Bowling Green—and WKU—is one of a few final enrollment locations for this study.

American Cancer Society prevention studies began in the 1950s and involved hundreds of thousands of volunteer participants. They have led to discoveries such as the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer and the role obesity plays in the risk of several cancers. CPS-3 will help researchers build on evidence from previous studies to bring us closer to eliminating cancer as a major health burden for future generations by looking at potential lifestyle, environmental and genetic connections to cancer risk and preventative steps.

If you are between the ages of 30 and 65 years old and have never been diagnosed with cancer, you are eligible to enroll. All that is involved is a comprehensive health history questionnaire (approx. 35 min. online) and quality control form; a one-time blood draw and waist measurement; and willingness to answer periodic surveys every 1-2 years for the next 20-30 years.

Enrollments will be available at Graves Gilbert Clinic, 1065 Ashley St., on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., as well as at Graves Gilbert Clinic, 201 Park St., on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 5-9 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 22, from 4-8 p.m.

Scheduling a date and time to enroll can be done online at www.cps3BG.org.

All personal information and any individual results of blood analyses that may be performed will be kept strictly confidential by CPS-3 research staff. There will be no cost to you to participate. For more information about CPS-3, please visit www.cancer.org/cps3 or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888.

We are seeking to enroll 300 people from the Bowling Green area in this study’s enrollment in November. The nationwide goal is 300,000. With your help, Bowling Green can play a significant role to make this century cancer’s last century and finish the fight. I urge as many of you as possible to take part in this historic study and to share this message with others.

Thank you.

Gary A. Ransdell

Attachments